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SUBJECT: US-EURATOM RENEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING MY CALL ON VAN WELL ON APRIL 6, HE CONFIRMED INFORMATION REFTELS THAT EC WOULD AGREE TO US-EURATOM "TALKS" WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS AFTER APRIL 7-8 SUMMIT. HE SAID FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO MEET DEADLINE, WHICH VAN WELL MAINTAINED WAS STRICTLY FACE-SAVING MOVE, WOULD CAUSE COMMUNITY TO NARROWLY MISS DEADLINE "BY A FEW DAYS." VAN WELL DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE DETAILS OF THE EXPECTED EURATOM RESPONSE TO THE US.

2. VAN WELL SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF GENSCHER'S APRIL 4 TALKS IN WASHINGTON, THE FRG WAS NOW REASSURED THAT THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION WOULD NOT BECOME  
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A MAJOR POINT OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE US AND THE COMMUNITY. HE DID, HOWEVER, SAY THE FRG WAS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THERE HAD BEEN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING BEFORE THEY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN INFCE THAT THE STATUS QUO IN THIS AREA WOULD BE MAINTAINED. THE FRG HAD EFFECTIVELY USED THIS ARGUMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE FRENCH TO JOIN INFCE. HE NOTED THAT

INFCE WAS, IN FACT, ALREADY DISCUSSING SOME OF THE ITEMS WHICH WOULD BE COVERED BY A US-EURATOM RENEGOTIATION. HE SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, THAT WE AWAIT THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN THE INFCE RATHER THAN MAKE THESE ITEMS A SUBJECT OF NEW NEGOTIATIONS.

3. I POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS A LARGE COMPLEX OF MATTERS TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE US-EURATOM CONTEXT AND THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN AVOIDING DUPLICATION. MOREOVER, WE DID NOT EXPECT TO FINISH THE NEGOTIATION UNTIL AFTER THE INFCE EXERCISE HAD BEEN COMPLETED.  
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